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10 For: DEVICE AND METHOD WITHDRAWING CELLULOSE PULP FROM A  
CONTAINER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows:

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In the specification:

Please add the following paragraph to page 1, line 2  
below the title:

5           --PRIOR APPLICATION

This application is a U.S. national phase application  
based on International Application No. PCT/SE2004/001849,  
filed 13 December 2004, claiming priority from Swedish Patent  
Application No. 0303592-0, filed 23 December 2003.--

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Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 2-6, as shown  
below:

Technical Area

15   The present invention concerns a method and a device for  
withdrawing cellulose pulp of medium consistency from the  
bottom of a storage tower with a diameter that exceeds 3  
~~metres meters~~ at the bottom of the tower, ~~as specified by the~~  
~~introduction to claims 1 and 5.~~

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Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 6-12, as shown below:

Aim and Purpose of the Invention

- 5 The principal aim of the present invention is to exploit the empty storage towers that were originally intended for the storage of cellulose pulp with low consistency such that they are used for the storage of cellulose pulp of medium consistency, instead.
- 10 ~~This is achieved according to the invention through the specified characteristics in claims 1 and 5.~~

Please add the following paragraph at the end of the detailed description but before the claims, as shown below:

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- While the present invention has been described in accordance with preferred compositions and embodiments, it is to be understood that certain substitutions and alterations may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and
- 20 scope of the following claims.--